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FROZEN COOKED DICED CHICKEN, INVITATION NO. 15 ANNOUNCEMENT PY-249

The U.S. Department of Agriculture invites offers to sell frozen cooked diced chicken meat produced from fowl as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers are due by 12 noon, Central Time, Tuesday, Feb. 19 (due to the holiday on Monday for Federal employees). Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, Feb. 22. Deliveries are to be made from April 1 to April 15.

Offers are invited from the trade for frozen cooked diced chicken meat, produced from ready-to-cook fowl (a class of mature female chickens), packed in four 10-pound (4.54 kg) packages to a net weight of 40 pounds (18.14 kg) in each shipping container. A purchase unit will consist of 1,000 shipping containers totaling 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

As stated in the September 21 Notice to the Trade, all offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at

https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?. Offers submitted on and after October 1, 2001, by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Note that some item numbers and the associated quantities for frozen cooked diced chicken have been set-aside for small business concerns and are indicated by a single asterisk. Shipping instructions will indicate quantity to be delivered to each point.

Inquiries about Announcement PY-249, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Frozen Cooked Diced Chicken dated

July 1999, as amended, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch

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STOP 0260, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-7693. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.

Purchases of the commodities listed below will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement PY-249, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. Delivery by mechanically refrigerated trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

ANNOUNCEMENT : PY249 INVITATION : 015

COMM GROUP : 22 CHICKEN, FROZEN COMM TYPE : 21 CHICKEN, DICED, FROZEN

PACK SIZE : 40 40 LB CTN

| ITEM<br>NO                          |                | _          | TRAI<br>RES |      | QUANTITY (LBS) |   |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------|-------------|------|----------------|---|
| DELIVERY PERIOD 04/01/02 - 04/15/02 |                |            |             |      |                |   |
| 001                                 |                | NJ         |             |      | 40,000         | * |
| 002                                 | VINELAND       | NJ         |             |      | 80,000         |   |
| 003                                 | DOUGLAS        | GA         | TRUCK       | ONLY | 40,000         |   |
| 004                                 | GRANITE CITY   | $_{ m IL}$ |             |      | 40,000         | * |
| 005                                 | COLUMBUS       | OH         |             |      | 40,000         |   |
| 006                                 | LITTLE ROCK    | AR         | TRUCK       | ONLY | 80,000         |   |
| 007                                 | ALEXANDRIA     | LA         |             |      | 30,000         | * |
|                                     | SHREVEPORT     | LA         |             |      | 10,000         | * |
| 800                                 | HARAHAN        | LA         |             |      | 13,334         |   |
|                                     | SHREVEPORT     | LA         |             |      | 26,666         |   |
|                                     |                |            |             |      |                |   |
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